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In August of this year we purchased a small cottage at 224 Nelson Street. The house needed some attention and our original plan was to fix the house up and rent it full time. However, as we spent more time in the house we became more and more attached to it. The house has a charm that is warm and welcoming. We decided to invest more in the renovation of the house and to try to restore the original qualities as much as possible. As the house began to take shape we began to think of possibilities that would enable us to use the house for ourselves as a vacation getaway. We live in Williamsburg and Yorktown offers the perfect setting for an interesting and relaxing vacation. We thought that if we had the option to rent the cottage by the week it would enable us to maintain the property, as we would like to and also to allow for time to use it for ourselves. The cottage is completely furnished and provides all of the amenities for visitors. It is located off of the main road and we feel it would be a great place for people to stay when they are going to be here for an extended visit. The cottage is quite small. There is one bedroom, one bathroom, a living area, full kitchen and a breakfast room. It is a perfect space for two to four people. We put in a driveway that allows for off street parking for two cars.

We refer to the house as "The Moss Cottage"; however, we are not interested in putting a sign on the property. Our interest is to rent the cottage by the week; however, if a guest was interested in coming for a long weekend we would like the option to rent it for this amount of time as well. We are not applying for the option to rent on a daily basis. We would like to do a minimum amount of advertising, hoping to reach guests through word of mouth for the most part. We would like to welcome our guests with information about the area and encourage them to take part in all that historic Yorktown has to offer. We are particularly sensitive to the concerns of our neighbors and therefore we would make sure that the property is kept up nicely and that all of our guests are considerate to the community. With approval of this special use permit we hope to enjoy Yorktown ourselves and share this special place with others.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

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